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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

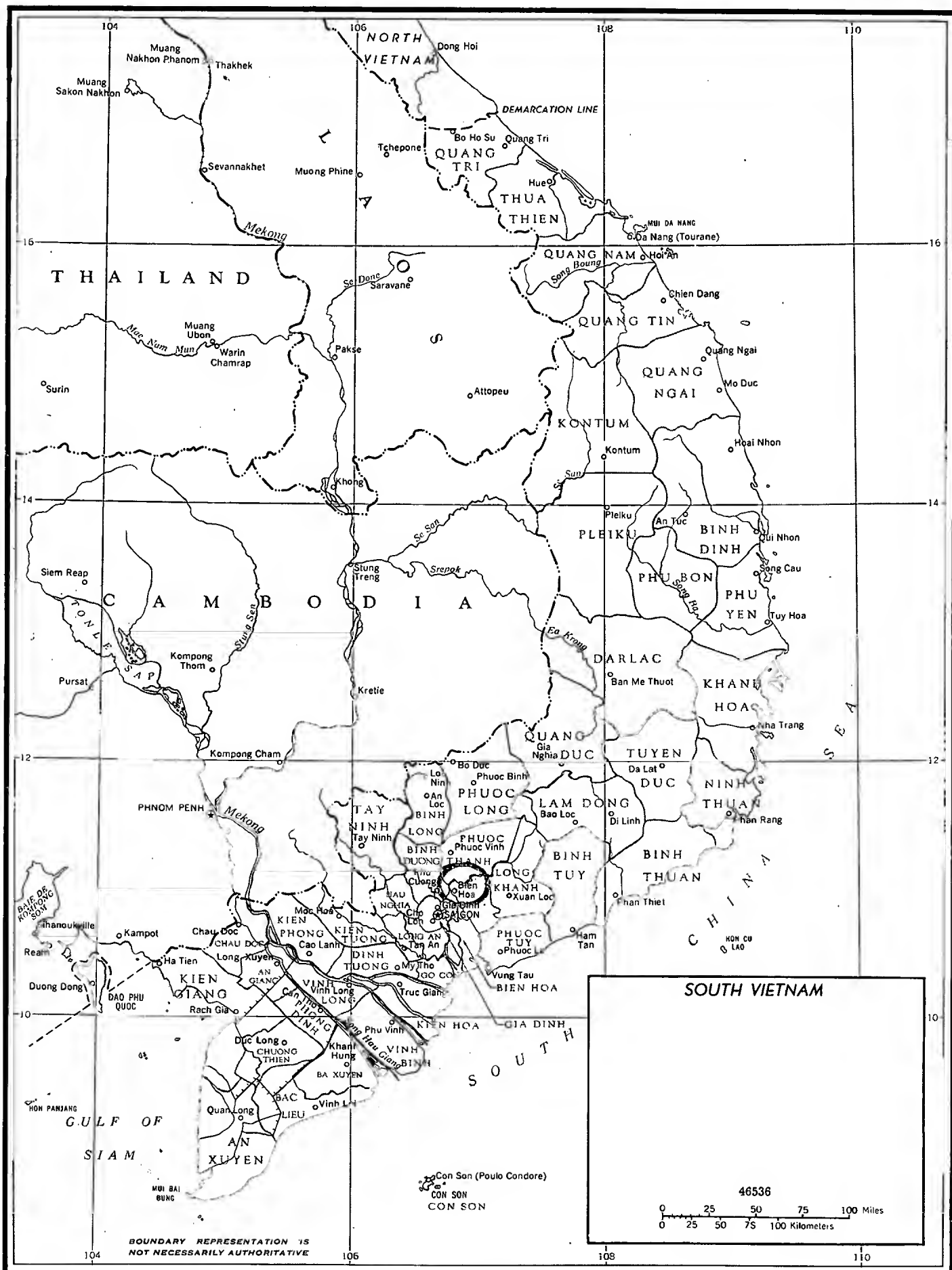


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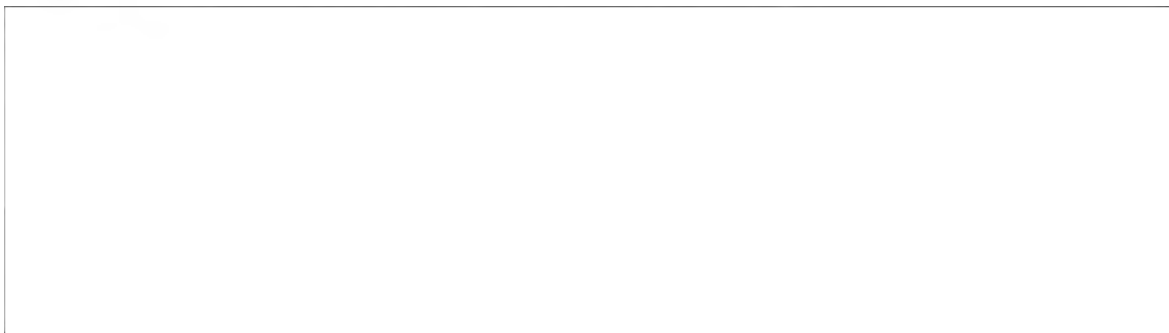
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1. South Vietnam

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The South Korean troop compound about five miles south of Bien Hoa was hit by mortar fire today. At least eight Koreans were wounded. Viet Cong propaganda had long threatened such a move, and the Koreans were [redacted]

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2. Vietnam

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Hanoi is now doing most of the propagandizing on "volunteers for Vietnam." A broadcast yesterday claimed that a reserve unit of the Chinese Communist Army had promised Ho Chi Minh to "act at your first call." Such claims go well beyond Peiping's propaganda on the subject.

3. Berlin

Allied access to Berlin has not been affected by the Ulbricht regime's interference yesterday and today with West German travelers. The target is West German parliamentarians en route to Berlin for the plenary meeting of the Bundestag on 7 April. Few members are likely to be kept away, since they have been instructed to travel to Berlin by air.

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4. Cyprus

Turkish rejection of UN mediator Plaza's report has set back hopes for early negotiations.

The Turks claim that Plaza should not have made "substantive" recommendations, and they will not negotiate on the basis of his proposals. Plaza ruled out federation, which the Turks favor, as a possible solution.

In Greece the reaction has been generally favorable, although some elements are objecting to Plaza's recommendation against enosis.

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Makarios told Ambassador Belcher this morning that he intends to start a "peace offensive" on the island now that the period of waiting is over.

5. Panama

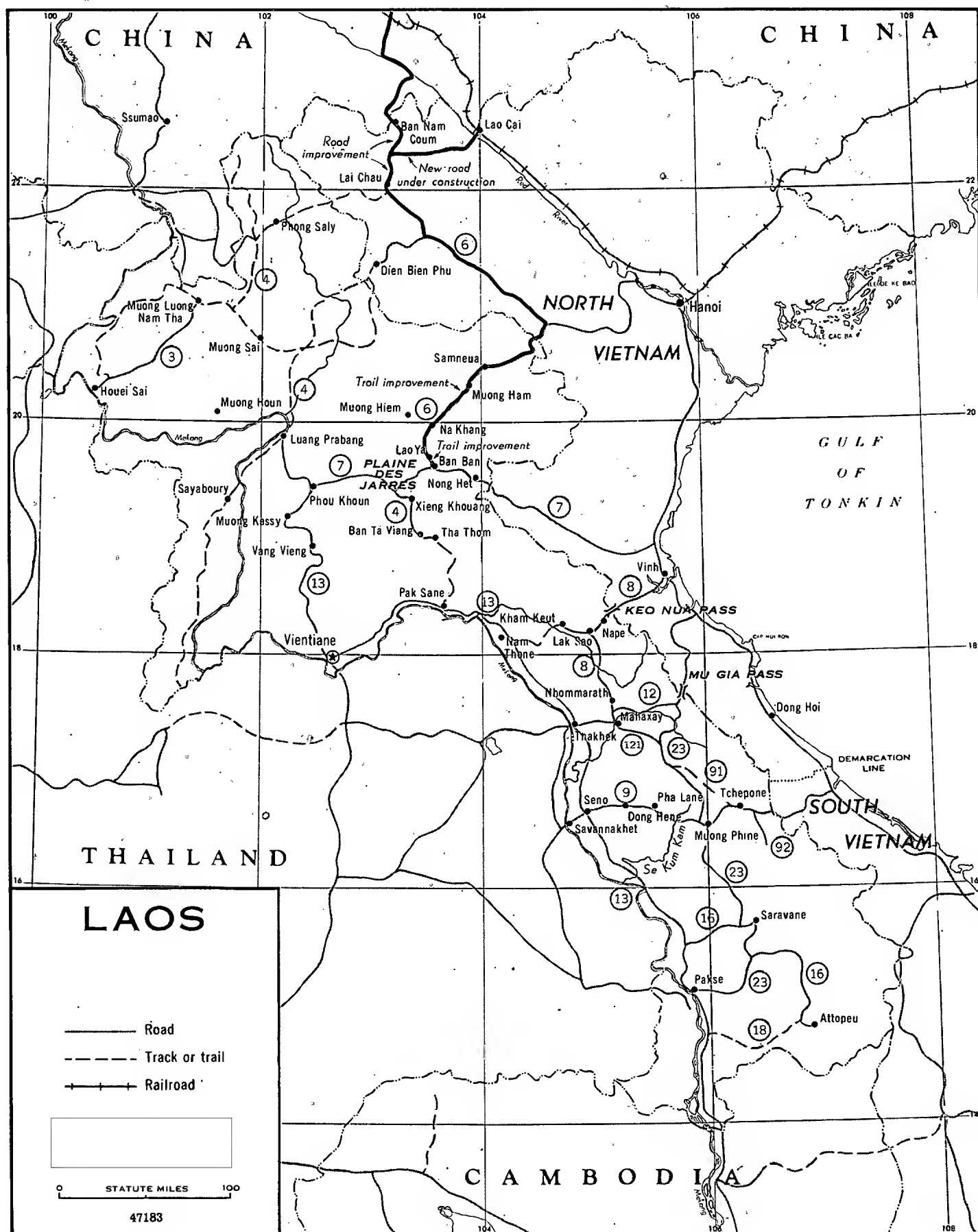
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With regard to the Canal negotiations, Foreign Minister Eleta has complained that the US is "dragging its feet."

6. Hungary

The Hungarians have finally managed to control the spread of the hoof-and-mouth epidemic reported early this year, but complete elimination is not expected for two or three months.

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7. Laos

The military situation is relatively quiet, but there are continuing reports of a Communist build-up near Seno in south-central Laos. There are no other signs suggesting an imminent Communist offensive. However, government forces in the area have been weakened by deployments made to quell the recent uprising in Thakhek, and the destruction of a major bridge has hampered government supply of advance forces along the Se Kum Kam River. (See map.)

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